

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Patterson welcomes Vietnam Memorial Wall to Texas**

Land Commissioner to speak at opening ceremony for traveling tribute

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AUSTIN, Texas — A 6-foot-tall, three-fifths-scale version of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C. is on its way to South Texas.

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson will speak at the opening ceremony of the Magnolia stop of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Magnolia Apostolic Church/First Baptist Church Grounds, 18525 FM 1488, Magnolia.

The last time the wall was in Texas was in November 2010.

“I’m honored to welcome back this mobile tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War,” said Patterson, a Marine during the Vietnam War up until the 1973 ceasefire. “We hope this gives those who cannot easily make it to D.C. a chance to pay their respects.”

The 300-foot-long wall will be on display in Magnolia from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 8-11. It takes around 20 workers to set up the wall, which will be guarded around the clock. An honor guard will stand during visiting hours.

The non-profit Magnolia Historical Society is sponsoring the visit of the wall. It is the creation of the Brevard County, Fla., non-profit veterans group the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard.

For more information on the wall, visit <http://www.travelingwall.us>.

WHO: Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson

WHAT: Opening Ceremony for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

WHERE: Magnolia Apostolic Church/First Baptist Church Grounds, 18525 FM 1488

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8

WHY: To honor all Vietnam veterans who served our country

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